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Dear Friend:

Thank you for your recent inquiry. We certainly appreciate hearing from you, and knowing of your interest in Asbestos Victims of America.

The number of requests we receive for information and assistance is overwhelming! As the AVA office is staffed by only myself and two others, it is impossible to write individual replies. So ... hope you understand the reason for this form letter.

EXACTLY WHAT IS ASBESTOS VICTIMS OF AMERICA? AVA is an organization dedicated to:

- \* Assisting those suffering from asbestos-caused diseases, and their survivors.
- \* Warning the public of the dangers of asbestos, so they may be spared needless suffering and death.

Why? After the time bomb of asbestos exploded in my chest, I couldn't get honest answers to basic questions ... Anywhere! To make a long story short, I realized that something had to be done for the millions of victims and potential victims, scattered throughout our Nation. The obvious answer to isolation is organization - AVA is the result. Beginning in the spare bedroom "office" of my home less than three years ago, we now have a Nationwide membership of concerned folks. Incidentally, I want you to know that I, personally donate my time, and accept NO salary whatever.

What are some of the benefits of joining AVA? Members are:

- \* Kept current on asbestos issues through newsletters.
- \* Provided with referrals to physicians specializing in asbestos related disease.
- \* Provided with guidelines for selecting an asbestos litigation attorney.
- \* Put into contact with others with similar concerns in their geographical area.
- \* Assured strong representation before high level decision-making bodies.
- \* Provided with ongoing information regarding consumer products and construction materials containing asbestos, and asbestos substitute materials.
- \* Contributing to the only tax-deductible organization in the U.S. dedicated to stopping the cause of asbestos diseases. If we eliminate the cause, there will be no need to search for cures.

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